

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 1-11 and 20-29 have been allowed. It is also gratefully acknowledged that Claims 16-19, 34 and 35 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has rejected Claims 12-15, 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yatsukawa (U.S. Patent 6,148,404). The Examiner has rejected Claims 32 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Yatsukawa in view of Zhang et al. (U.S. Pub. 2002/0174335).

Please cancel Claims 12-15 and 30-31, without prejudice.

Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Based on at least the foregoing amendment, withdrawal of the objection to Claim 16 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-11 and 16-29, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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